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Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy acts as the official licensure agency for marriage and family therapists. The purpose of the board is to protect the public by ensuring that licensees comply with the board's rules and practice in a professional, legal and ethical manner per Minnesota Statutes 148B.01, 148B.175 and 148B.29 and Minnesota Rules 5300.0100-0350.

Core Functions

The core functions are:

- ◆ granting licensure to individuals who meet the statutory education, employment, and ethical requirements and who pass both the national and oral examination as required by rule;
- ◆ establishing and implementing procedures designed to assure that licensed marriage and family therapists comply with the board's rules;
- ◆ reviewing complaints of alleged violations of statutes and rules, holding disciplinary conferences with licensees, and taking legal action to condition, suspend or revoke the licenses of therapists who fail to meet standards;
- ◆ studying and investigating the practice of marriage and family therapy within the state in order to improve the standards imposed for the licensing of marriage and family therapists and to improve the procedures and methods used for enforcement of the board's standards; and
- ◆ providing information and education about licensure requirements and standards of practice to the public, faculty and students and other interested parties.

Operations

- ◆ Licensure affects marriage and family therapists who are mental health professionals trained in psychotherapy and family systems, and licensed to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders within the context of marriage, couples, and family systems.
- ◆ The board consists of seven members and normally meets on the third Friday of each month.
- ◆ A newsletter regarding licensure matters and disciplinary actions is available on the board's website.

Key Goals

- ◆ To increase the number of online renewals to 70% by the end of the biennium.
- ◆ To initiate online continuing education registration by licensees by 2010.
- ◆ To establish regular training sessions for board approved supervisors by 2009.

Key Measures

- ◆ Public protection – the board's website offers several services to the public including: access to information on the complaint process and obtaining forms and information regarding how to file a complaint, and viewing individual licensee disciplinary history.
- ◆ Online services – the board offers address and contact information changes, license renewals, information for licensees. All board forms and printed material may be downloaded.
- ◆ Public information – the board offers a public website, newsletters, presentations, public outreach, brochures, and real people answering the phone during business hours.
- ◆ Currently the board has 45% of its licensees using the online renewal service.
- ◆ An on-going survey of 12 academic institutions training students for Minnesota licensure shows 650 current enrollees.

At A Glance

MN Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists Statistics

	<u>LAMFTs*</u>	<u>LMFTs**</u>
6/30/06	85	902
6/30/08	<u>242</u>	<u>1,080</u>
	+284%	+19.7%

Complaints

Carryover -	8
New -	40
Closed -	22
Open -	16

*LAMFT = Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist

**LMFT = Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Budget

Total direct and indirect expenditures for FY 2008-09 are estimated to be \$365,000 which includes 1.60 FTE employees. Direct expenditures include salaries, rent and other operating expenditures. The board receives a direct appropriation for these costs. Indirect expenditures include costs of services received by the Attorney General's Office, Health Professional Services Program, Office of Mental Health Program and the Administrative Services Unit. The board is responsible for collecting sufficient revenue to cover both direct and indirect expenditures.

The board is estimated to collect \$464,000 in FY 2008-09, which is deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. Revenue is collected from fees charged to applicants, licensees, and sponsors of continuing education programs.

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The website at: <http://www.bmft.state.mn.us> gives visitors easy access to useful information about marriage and family therapy. Types of information available through the website include: regulatory news and updates, rules and Minnesota statutes, public notices, and forms. License renewals and address changes may be done online and the public may file complaints on line. All board forms and printed materials may be downloaded from this site.

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<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	2010-11
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
State Government Spec Revenue					
Current Appropriation	148	154	154	154	308
Recommended	148	154	137	137	274
Change		0	(17)	(17)	(34)
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-9.3%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
State Government Spec Revenue	3	0	0	0	0
Direct Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	130	172	137	137	274
Open Appropriations					
State Government Spec Revenue	8	10	10	10	20
Total	141	182	147	147	294
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	100	123	92	90	182
Other Operating Expenses	41	59	55	57	112
Total	141	182	147	147	294
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Marriage And Family Therapy, B	141	182	147	147	294
Total	141	182	147	147	294
Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.2	

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Change Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>				
	FY2009	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium
		FY2010	FY2011	2010-11
Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE				
FY 2009 Appropriations	154	154	154	308
Technical Adjustments				
One-time Appropriations		(17)	(17)	(34)
Subtotal - Forecast Base	154	137	137	274
Total Governor's Recommendations	154	137	137	274
Fund: STATE GOVERNMENT SPEC REVENUE				
Planned Open Spending	10	10	10	20
Total Governor's Recommendations	10	10	10	20

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Governor's Recomm. FY2010 FY2011		Biennium 2010-11
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
State Government Spec Revenue	245	220	261	275	536
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	245	220	261	275	536
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue	245	220	261	275	536